## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

## **RS22726**

The purpose of this legislation is to update the Idaho Safe Boating Act and, specifically, Idaho Code 67-7016–Grossly Negligent Operation.

A recent court case has found Idaho Code 67-7016 "void for vagueness and therefore violates the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution."

There are at least two recent instances of boating accidents in Idaho in which Idaho Code 67-7016 has been used to hold boaters responsible for their actions, which resulted in injuries and damages. This bill seeks to clarify law so that accountability and responsibility can be assigned appropriately.

## **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no fiscal impact to the State's General Fund.



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